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Dear Sirs,

I was extremely disappointed to read of your preliminary ruling that contributions made to John Edwards via ActBlue will not be eligible for Federal Matching Funds. The preliminary decision strikes me as both unreasonable and unjust, and I hope that it will not be finalized. As a contributor via ActBlue, I conformed to standards that were identical to those followed when I contributed to John Edwards in 2004 - when contributions were not processed by ActBlue. I provided my name, address, and other contact information, my employment status, the fact that the funds contributed were from my own earnings, that I was not a Federal contractor, etc. All the information required by the FEC to determine that my contribution was entirely legitimate was collected by the website.

The fact that ActBlue is a site serving progressive candidates raises my concerns that the FEC may be expressing political bias. That suspicion is troubling indeed. Surely, the FEC as a putatively nonpartisan body was created to guard against corruption, not to further it.

Sincerely,

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